To kill us here in Hampton: to the which,
This knight, no less for bounty bound to us
Than Cambridge is,—hath likewise sworn.—But O!
What shall I say to thee, lord Scroop; thou cruel,
Ingrateful, savage, and inhuman creature!
Thou that didst bear the key of all my counsels,
That knew'st the very bottom of my soul,
That almost might'st have coin'd me into gold,
Would'st thou have practis'd on me for thy use?
May it be possible, that foreign hire
Could out of thee extract one spark of evil,
That might annoy my finger? 'tis so strange,
That, though the truth of it stands off as gross
As black from white[x], my eye will scarcely see it.
Treason, and murder, ever kept together,
As two yoke-devils sworn to either's purpose,
Working so grossly[8] in a natural cause,
That admiration did not whoop at them[2]:
But thou, 'gainst all proportion, didst bring in
Wonder to wait on treason, and on murder:
And whatsoever cunning fiend it was,
That wrought upon thee so preposterously,
Hath got the voice in hell for excellence:
And other devils that suggest by treasons,
Do botch and bungle up damnation
With patches, colours, and with forms being fetch'd
From glistering semblances of piety:
But he, that temper'd thee[4], bade thee stand up,

[1]— though the truth of it stands off as gross
As black from white,] Though the truth be as apparent and visible as black and white contiguous to each other. To *stand off* is *Stare releve*, to be prominent to the eye, as the strong parts of a picture. JOHNSON.

[2]— WHOOP at them:] That they excited no

exclamation of surprise. Such, I think, is meant by the word in As You Like It:

** O wonderful, wonderful, &c. and after that out of all *whoop*-*ing*." See vol. vi. p. 429, n. 6. BOSWELL.

[3] — so grossly —] Palpably ; with a plain and visible connection of cause and effect. JOHNSON.

[4] — he, that TEtoEu'D thee,] Though *temper'd* may stand for